GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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FORMATION OF GLOBAL SUGAR ALLIANCE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian delegation had recently visited China towards formation of global sugar alliance;

(b) whether the proposed sugar alliance will oppose the USA and European Community importduty on sugar now ruling around 250-300%;

(c) whether ISMA wants sugar factories be allowed to retain excise/additional excise/cess on sugar and excise duty on molasses for a period of two years; and

(d) if so, the Government`s reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): No official delegation of the Government of India has visited China towardsformation of Global Sugar Alliance. However, a delegation sponsored by the Indian Sugar EXIM Corporation, a body corporate of the sugar industry, visited China to request China to join the Global Alliance for sugar trade reforms.

Global Alliance for sugar trade reforms is actively pursuing its objective of securing withdrawal or substantial reduction in domestic support and export subsidy given by developed countries.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): In view of the huge financial implications, the proposal has not been agreed to.